

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-543

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member J. Carlucci

Date of Introduction: June 23, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: June 22, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; Ordinance Code waiver; Agreement authorization; Provides for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives – Council District 05 Community Benefits Agreement – Contingency account to the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide funding to Zawyer Sports Foundation, Inc. (ZSF) for the Duval County Community Impact Initiative (the Program). The bill provides for carryover to Fiscal Year 2026-2027; waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code, to allow a direct contract with ZSF; and approves and authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver on behalf of the City a grant agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Zawyer Sports Foundation, Inc. for the Program. Oversight is provided by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: Zawyer Sports Foundation, Inc. operates the Duval County Community Impact Initiative, which provides affordable, inclusive, and adaptive recreational programming for low-income families and children in Duval County, using the sport of hockey to build confidence, foster literacy, and create a sense of belonging. City funds will purchase youth hockey gear, specialized adaptive sleds and equipment, and instructional resources for the Foundation's literacy-linked sports education initiatives. All activities funded with City funds will occur at the Icemen Igloo at 3605 Philips Highway, Jacksonville, Florida, or other appropriate locations within Council District 5, over a grant term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. Section 118.107, which requires nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process, is waived to allow a direct contract with ZSF; the waiver is justified by the Program's literacy and education component and its provision of adaptive equipment for youth and families with special needs. ZSF provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), certifying no connections between the organization and the Mayor, Council Members, or City executives or their families.

Policy Impact Area: Youth Recreation; Community Benefits Agreement; Nonprofit Grants

Fiscal Impact: No additional appropriation required. Reallocates \$150,000 of previously appropriated Council District 5 Community Benefits Agreement Contingency funds. No match required.

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